CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. 1. A method for a catalog feature in a supply chain management framework,
2. comprising:
3. a) collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network;
4. b) displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the data; and
5. c) generating an electronic order form based on the data utilizing the network-based
6. interface for ordering goods from a distributor or a supplier of the supply chain,
7. wherein the network-based interface includes a virtual catalog to facilitate the
8. generation of the electronic order form.

1. 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the catalog displays a plurality of raw products
2. from which the goods are produced.

1. 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the catalog displays a plurality of distributors
2. from which the raw products can be ordered.

1. 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the catalog displays a comparison of performance
2. of the distributors.

1. 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the performance is calculated based on the data.

1. 6. The method of claim 3, wherein the catalog includes links to additional network-
2. based interfaces relating to suppliers.

1. 7. A system for a catalog feature in a supply chain management framework,
2. comprising:

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3   a)   logic for collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a
4   network;

5   b)   logic for displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the data; and

6   c)   logic for generating an electronic order form based on the data utilizing the
7   network-based interface for ordering goods from a distributor or a supplier of the
8   supply chain, wherein the network-based interface includes a virtual catalog to
9   facilitate the generation of the electronic order form.

1   8.   The system of claim 7, wherein the catalog displays a plurality of raw products
2   from which the goods are produced.

1   9.   The system of claim 8, wherein the catalog displays a plurality of distributors
2   from which the raw products can be ordered.

1   10.   The system of claim 9, wherein the catalog displays a comparison of performance
2   of the distributors.

1   11.   The system of claim 10, wherein the performance is calculated based on the data.

1   12.   The system of claim 9, wherein the catalog includes links to additional network-
2   based interfaces relating to suppliers.

1   13.   A computer program product for a catalog feature in a supply chain management
2   framework, comprising:

3   a)   computer code for collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain
4   utilizing a network;

5   b)   computer code for displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the
6   data; and

7   c)   computer code for generating an electronic order form based on the data utilizing
8   the network-based interface for ordering goods from a distributor or a supplier of

9   the supply chain, wherein the network-based interface includes a virtual catalog to

10   facilitate the generation of the electronic order form.

1   14.   The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the catalog displays a

2   plurality of raw products from which the goods are produced.

1   15.   The computer program product of claim 14, wherein the catalog displays a

2   plurality of distributors from which the raw products can be ordered.

1   16.   The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the catalog displays a

2   comparison of performance of the distributors.

1   17.   The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the performance is

2   calculated based on the data.

1   18.   The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the catalog includes links to

2   additional network-based interfaces relating to suppliers.